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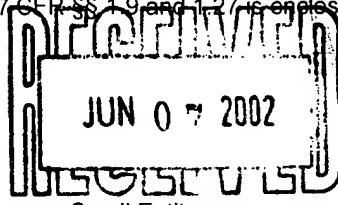
Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.

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